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In re application of:

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DECISION ON PETITION

Serial No.: 09/497,378

Filed: February 2, 2000

For: CLAMPING ELEMENT

This is a decision on the petition received January 30, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed March 30, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned May 31, 2000. A notice of abandonment was mailed December 4, 2001.

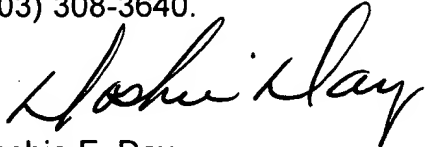
On January 30, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that counsel never received the Notice of Missing Parts March 30, 2000.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners did not receive the Notice of Missing Parts mailed March 30, 2000.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

A new Notice to File Missing Part is enclosed with this Decision setting forth a new response period of two months from the date of the notice.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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